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1. DCM SAW PRIMIN'S DIPLOMATIC ADVISOR PETRIGNANI THIS MORNING
FOR GENERAL REVIEW OF GATT ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS.

2. PETRIGNANI STATED THAT GOI IS HOLDING BACK WAITING FOR DEVELOP-
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MENTS IN BRUSSELS SINCE GOI BELIEVES NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE HAND-

LED THROUGH THE EC COMMISSION. PETRIGNANI SAID THAT IN PARIS DURING THE RECEPTION AFTER THE POMPIDOU FUNERAL HE HAD SPOKEN BRIEFLY TO SOAMES, WHO HAD COMPLAINED THAT THE US AND ITALIANS HAD BEEN DISCUSSING XXIV:6 BILATERALLY AND HAD ASKED HIM TO PLEASE HAVE THE GOI LEAVE ALL FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS TO THE COMMISSION.

3. ON FRESH ORANGES, PETRIGNANI CHARACTERIZED THE PROPOSED AMBASSADORIAL DECLARATION ON THE SUNKIST OFFER AS "USEFUL BUT NOT DECISIVE." HIS ADVICE WAS FOR SUNKIST TO CONTINUE TO WORK DIRECTLY ON GROWERS TO CONVINCE THEM OF NET BENEFITS OF PROPOSED DEAL. WITH SOLID GROWER SUPPORT, GOI'S POSITION WITHIN EC ON THIS ISSUE WOULD BE STRENGTHENED. PETRIGNANI EMPHASIZED THAT GOI NOT ALONE IN REGARDING CITRUS PROBLEM AS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE. HE MENTIONED THAT OTHER MED COUNTRIES ARE INTERESTED AND FRANCE IS WORKING TO PROTECT THEIR POSITION. VOLPE

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